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1. This morning Frank Hand called requesting some of the material that we had previously supplied Mr. Laird in comparing US and Soviet military spending. Hand said that the Vice President asked Mr. Laird for this information. We forwarded the two attached documents, courtesy of [REDACTED] and his courier service. 25X1A9a

2. This afternoon Frank Hand telephoned to say that Mr. Packard, Deputy Secretary of Defense, had just called him to see if he had any material available on this subject. Hand asked me if there was any reason why he could not give Mr. Packard the same material. I told him to go ahead.

3. The typescript note comparing US and Soviet military and space spending in 1968 is one which the Director had previously sent to Mr. Laird on 26 February this year. The Intelligence Memorandum on the 1969 Soviet Defense Budget received general dissemination throughout the government in January and was part of a package of such material sent to Mr. Laird in early February.

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